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Statement

Non-governmental organizations have been engaged with the United Nations in achieving poverty eradication and ending hunger, inclusive and equitable education and gender equality.

Because of the nature of the non-governmental organizations, there should be a bilateral approach. It means that the information and facts about the problems in deprived areas can be provided by non-governmental organizations to authorities and governments and also the non-governmental organizations could introduce sustainable development goals to people for more awareness about the facts. In addition, they can assist by holding charity festivals and contributing food and essential items among poor families, which can be accomplished by their volunteers as what Roshd Foundation did at its programs and voluntary expeditions to deprived areas. Furthermore terrorist activities as one of the main reason of hunger and poverty in the world must be prevented by countries and United Nations which can be impressive in achievement of that goals.

On the other hand, there is no opportunity for education for families in deprived areas because of lack of educational equipment and schools. In fact the propensity of learning is disappeared. Therefore for solving those problems, non-governmental organizations should be active in those areas and the promotion of quality of education and long-term learning should be considered by them by providing equipment and building schools in those areas. And the participation of their volunteers is required for efficiency of education. For instance, more than 22 schools in poor villages of Iran have been built by Roshd Foundation. Furthermore providing e-learning and educational websites is a good way to achieving inclusive and equitable education.

In addition, half of each society is contained by women and girls. So if their talents are not identified, at least half of capacity of growth and development will remain inactive. Great capacities could be activated by making gender equality and elimination of discrimination in intellectual and social structures of the societies. One of the solution for achieving equality is improving culture and featuring role of women as the mothers who are trainers of next generations. Furthermore providing opportunity of education for girls can be considered as another solution.

Finally collaboration of non-governmental organizations and the United Nation can be impressive for achievement of sustainable development goals. Also providing education can be effective in reaching to some other purposes. Furthermore participation of volunteers is necessary for it.